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DRIVING BACK TO PEACE. Every day Europe is getting me

ing peace. It is the stagnation of iness that drives her to an acce of this fact, an acceptance slowly and reluctantly. But Europe has come to a realization

at trade can prosper in war times in rtain lines; it can prosper in peace e nor war it cannot possibly proser in any lines.

Hartley Withers, editor of the Econat, a clear-sighted financial journal nted in London, pointed this out very rly the other day in a cable to the York Tribune. He said that the ent embarrassment of merchants, practurers and financiers was drivpe back toward sanity by an al to her pocketbook.

"Upemployment and operations on if time are now general in the chief dustries," he wrote, "forcing govern-ents, through the fear of social unt, to quicken effort to effect a re-

seems probable-especially if the year brings a relaxation of monestrain-that credit schemes will be shed soon for helping the recovof central Europe. The proposed unemployment form a strong argu-nt in favor of resumption, even if is the only commodity now avail-

nt Indications, therefore. Il in favor of Europe's return at least will in the interest of a material disry, now admitted to be obtainable in this way. Perhaps if the ap-ance of friendship is renewed, real ity may follow to some extent, althe war bitterness will be elimas a hindrance to economic prog

An overflow of Christmas spirit never wasted.

ny's disarmament policy iready been determined upon.

Constantine is no democrat, but he refuses to resign, all the same.

en New York gunmen meet other en, then comes the tug of war. Joe Tumulty refused to give the sen-e a whack at him. Some wise bird

t the Christmas mailing had been

Harding is probably keeping in what happens to presidents who not accept the advice of Col. George

ere are still hundreds of thousand

war prisoners, in Germany and other ries, who have not been repatrie of the revenue and tax scheme

ar proposed, we believe, make pro-

If a hastily constructed tariff will not se the farmers and bless the counwith prosperity, what are the re-

Lawyers find that assailing the Nineth amendment is almost as producof fat fees as were similar asits upon the Elighteenth.

erous of our brethren of the he Christmas holiday season by takng a well-earned rest.

Of the proposed increase of fortygo to states normally democratic, le thirty-five are assigned to repuban and doubtful states.

Our marines in Haitl, it seems, wer not so black as painted. In their sombly absorbed some of the soot.

Even Penroso sees little possibility protecting one class of our populaion without protocting all. And he is stably coming to doubt the feasibilane's bootstraps.

We believe the legislature might win sarity by reducing its customary ut of laws by about 85 per cent and those omitted should be mainly which require an appropriation

Senator Shields is reported to have tarding's new peace plan. We are not med of the nature of the propohowever, and since Senato elds has voted for and against the ague of nations and Senator Harding has twice voted for it, there is some losity as to their basis of agreement.

It would be a happy consummation If the five small Central American erates could be combined into one fedration. There is indeed no reason why should not be done except Latin It is to be hoped that it will suchably been more prolific of disturbwes than have even the Balkan states WHAT EUROPE TELLS MEDILL M'CORMICK.

Medill McCormick set out for Europe the other day to look nto the state of affairs over the waters. He is said on good authority to have been sent by Mr. Harding to give him a first hand account of what really is the matter.

Despite the Illinois senator's brief stay in various localiies, it is known that European statesmen are receiving him with open arms, and are giving him the inside facts of the case. His 'inshle information" comes from sources close to Lloyd-George Turkey and Millerand, and is said to be summarized thus:

America can come into the league of nations practically on her own terms; she can almost write her own covenant, and Europe will sight on the dotted line. The great shadow at Geneva was Uncle Saw's unfilled chair; the delegates couldn't forget that with America, Germany and Russia out of the league, fore than half the white race was outside the league, while almost the whole yellow wrace wwas inside.

France is not satisfied with the peace insurance of the new born league, and is seeking an alliance with England and Italy; Lloyd-George is regarded as rather sympathetic to the proposed alliance, but the British public is not yet ready for a positive pact. Lord Derby, until a few months ago British ambassador to Paris, is busy in London working for the alliance. Italy would have to come in because off her tremendous need for financial assistance and for raw material.

This is a pretty kettle of fish; it would mean the old game of secret alliances, heavy armament, suave and sinister diplomacy, over again. It would certainly carry another war in its trail. It is to be hoped that Senator McCormick lays the facts before Mr. Harding. News recently emanating from Marion has portrayed the president-elect's intentions as being cast more and more in the spirit of the league; he has not yet abandoned his pet word "association," but when facts are the same, words mean little.

The conferences that Mr. Harding has been holding with the nation's "best minds" seems to have changed his attitude toward the desirability of a real pact of peace between the nations. Let us hope that Senator McCormick's report will strengthen him even further in that conclusion, a consummation devoutly to be wished.

RANDOM CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS.

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Christmas is easily the world's most popular annual festival. Commemorating an event of nearly 2,000 year ago, it is losing none of the zest of its observance. Instinctively, its recurrence turns our thoughts, at least individually, toward peace on earth and good will among men. Our hearts expand as the season approaches, and we vie with each other in our efforts to approximate the real Christmas spirit in our methods of celebrating this great Christian memorial. It is kept as a perpetual reminder of Him whose pirth brought glad tidings of great foy to all people. Any form of observance or any manifestation of spirit, therefore, which is not essentially Christian is out of place. Perhaps, however, there are yet those who are inclined to cavil over the significance of the term Christian. The word may have many shades and phases of meaning. Here are a few lately compiled by Dr. James I. Vance, a leading southern divine:

"Nationally, a Christian is a citizen of a nation in which Christianity is the majority religion.
"Theologically, a Christian is one who accepts the dogmas built on the teachings of Jesus.

"Philosophically, a Christian is one who assents to that conception of life promoted and expounded by Christ and His apostles.

"Intellectually, a Christian is one who believes in the historic Christ without necessarily yielding his life to Christ's control.

"Ethically, a Christian is one who accepts Christ's code of morals without thereby subscribing to His creed. Ecclesiastically, a Christian is one who is a member in good

and regular standing in some Christian church.
"Evangelically, a Christian is one who claims to have undergone the spiritual change known as regeneration and who adheres to the Christian doctrine of the atonement.

"Experimentally, a Christian is one who comes to know Christ in the inner processes of the soul, having believed on Him with the heart as well as with the head, and who daily strives to embody Christ's precepts in his life.

Practically, a Christian is one who attempts to apply the teachings of Jesus in real life.
"Savingly and Scripturally, a Christian is one who 'confesses with this mouth the Lord Jesus, and believes in his heart that God has raised Him from the dead."

In trying to absorb a measure of the true Christmas spirit, it ought not to be difficult to qualify under one or more of the foregoing definitions of a Christian. It is inevitable that those who feel the urge of the Christmas spirit want to get out of themselves and do something to exemplify the mes-sage which Christmas brings. Their thoughts turn to others. The brotherhood feeling is irrepressible. For several years, lately past, the world has stood in great need of a greater prevalence of this spirit. As an evidence of this hunger for a more bountiful outpouring of the spirit, a scribe has constructed the following as a model letter to Santa Claus:

"Please bring back to us for Christmas a little bit of the spirit

"Restore to us something of the love that, in that wartime, made folks think of themselves as their brothers' keeper.

"Give back to us just a small measure of the sacrificial spirit that made people so anxious 'to do their bit' and 'to do their both folks."

"Give us a little of the perfect understanding that most folks had then of their social obligations and responsibilities.

"Give us moral power and courage to wis the victories of peace as easily as we won the victories of war."

Such sentiments naturally develop in those who make a comprehensive survey of world conditions, which, while unquestionably improving, are yet far from a state of peace and stability. There is much yet to be done. There is yet much occasion for the sowing of good seed. There is great need for the promotion and spread of the spirit of peace on earth and good will

toward men.

In addition to the call for workers for peace and better understanding, there also comes the wail of the perishing. Millions of people are at this moment literally starving to death. While this condition persists, it ought not to be difficult for those more fortunate of God's creatures to find an outlet for the expression of the Christmas spirit. The fact that most of these are thousands of miles away is not a barrier to our becoming neighbors to them if we so desire. There are facilities, even in our own town, for going to their realist.

Coming as a sort of milestone in life's progress, Christmas is also a fit period for introspection and retrespection. Are we, as a nation, as a people or as individuals, making progress or retrograding? The period of our activities is a brief one. Christmas is a solemn reminder of the fact. Is the record being written as we would have it?

The Christmas spirit, having been shown to be practically identical with the Christmas spirit, wouldn't it be a fine thing if we could absorb it in more permanent and less spasmodic form? We believe it would. To feel the promptings of the Christmas spirit one day in the year is well. To feel it steadily glowing 265 days is infinitely better. Let us exalt the Christmas

spirit. CABINET SPECULATIONS. Senator Ledge has evidently not suc. A recognition of the fact that there ceeded in lining up all senators in his are limits to Germany's ability to pay ceeded in lining up all senators in his are limits to Germany's ability to pay round just as entered. In some notable instances, however, they have not as sustained.

Senator Lodge has evidently not not receded in lining up all senators in his are limits to Germany's ability to pay indemnities seems to be dawning on net, if reports are to be credited. It is a bit surprising, however, that Senators which is now in session at ator Fall should be considered in construction. nection with the state department, if enemy's economic power are said to insuch is actually the case. His appoint-dicate that the only hopes of collecting ment, we believe, would be particularly anything at all are based on making unfortunate. He is a decided jingo in the bill as reasonable as possible, his attitude toward Mexico, and plac- Otherwise, Germany's financial and ining him in charge of our diplomatic af- dustrial structure will collapse, where-

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usies and intrigue. An effort is reports, has not yet been made good. nw being made to form such a union It would probably soon be forthcoming

WILL BE REASONABLE

HOW TO WRITE YOUR NAME

By DR. FRANK CRANE. (Copyright.)

It is always a joy when you find any of the ultimate simplicities. When I was a boy I heard a missionary make a speech at church; when I was a boy I heard a missionary make a speech at church; he used some strange words, such as names of places and people in Turkey or Africa, and every strange word he used he stopped and spelled. I don't remember his name, but hurrah for him for president!

These was a female secretary I knew once who always got on my

nerves. She was a bore, a palayerer, and a nuisance, but whenever she telephoned she pronounced her words with meticulous accuracy and spelled the unusual ones; so that all her sins, which were many, were forgiven her.

I like these people who work in libraries. They write so plainly that it seems almost an indiscretion to read it. Where do they learn that? There are some acquaintances of mine I want to send to that

In this world of haze and half lights, glory be and hallelujah for anybody that makes anything clear. In this desert of bunk, praise be for an oasis of plain common

When I meet a Fact I want to fall on its neck and weep. when the Explainer appears I cry "Nunc dimittis!"
All of which lucubration is caused by there falling into my hands a

pamphlet by Joseph S. Taylor and Alexander S. Massell, two school leachers, entitled: "A Chort Chorus | on teaching | to Write One's Name | in | Three

All there is to it is that the teacher writes the pupil's name distinctly and the pupil copies it until he learns how to write it himself.

But the pamphlet talks about the psychology of the thing, and "seeing through our motor habits," and all that, sump'n grand. The idea is intensely practical. Why should not even the most

illiterate body be able to write his own name? Here he can learn how in three lessons. "We have found the course useful in many ways," say the authors. "The illiterate adult, when he goes to evening school, often wants

immediate results. Our course in writing one's name serves this pur-

pose and incidentally becomes an incentive to further study.
"Signatures are required in business, social, political and religious life. Every one is required, at one time or another, to write his name. The illiterate, by securing this very substantial help in three nights, sees that hight schools have something valuable to offer to him. Ability to write his name raises his self-respect and adds to the security of

bis property." Quite so. Also it increases the felicity of the victims who have read the signature. When I look at the Chinese hieroglyphics and to read the signature. The state appended to some letters I get, when I contemplate the autographs of most bank cashiers and those officials who sign on the line marked "Secretary and Treasurer," and view what the gents who signed the peace treaty have done in the way of name signing, when I see the fac simile of Horace Greeley's writing, or when I get a note from Lige Halford or Bishop Quayle, then I say, mentally arising and addressing Mossrs. Taylor and Massell, "Go to it! And more power to your arms! Don't stop with the iliterate Go after the littery!"

'WHO LOST THE PEACE?' CONTROVERSY

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Dr. Samuel I. Yarnell, and soon after we had got settled down to a bedrock basis of chat and chaiter; of reminiscence, tale yarn, joke, fable, legend, parable and the like, he began to tell me about this, that and the other person he knew or knew about, when he was a boy. "Boy! Boy where? Boy where?" I exclaimed and inquired, and he said. "W'y, right up here near Harrison, on a farm by the river, about three miles above town."

He told me about Judge D. C. Trewhitt; about Gen. Standifer, Hugh C. Alexander, Judge A. G. W. Puckett, and I don't know who all. Yes, he even told me about Joe Ritchie, an after-the-war outlaw, desperado and general pest, who needed hanging every morning before breakfast and every night after supper. Even then he wouldn't have behaved himself, in all likelihood. But the thing that interested me most was Dr. Yarnell's account of the manner, way, modus operandl, process and proceeding, in and by which Harrison obtained its name. Of course I knew that it was named in honor of Gen. William Henry Harrison, just as I knew that the county was named in toompliment to the memory of Alexander Hamilton. But the way our one-time county seat acquired its cognomen, according to Yarnell, was something brand new to me, and it almost made me smille. The year 1849 was made memorable by more important events than merely the presidential election.

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The struggle that fall was one of the mightlest in our political history. The log cabin and the cider were mere incidents, but very important ones in fabricating zeal. Gen. Harrison had made the race four years previously, against Martin Van Buren, and Van Buren had beaten him pretty badly. Now the whigs and the democrats were going to fight it out on that line if it took them all summer. The Constitution of the United States and the plan of salvation were small affairs compared with the importance of electing Van Buren, as the democrats thought; of putting Harrison in as the whigs thought. There was another event of that year, right here, in this immediate vicinity, which was no small potato, but on the contrary a very considerable much pumpkins. The county seat was ordered removed from Dallas to what had theretofore been an Indian village called Van Town. This change was an appular demand for another name; a better name, in fact a white name. It was difficult for popular taste to determine what the name should be, even if it could be ascertained. So the democrats and the whigs entered into a kind of informal league and covenant, a "gentlemen's agreement" as it might have been

tained. So the democrats and the whigs entered into a kind of informal league and covenant, a "gentlemen's agreement" as it might have been called, that one of the two names. Harrison or Van Buren should be selected, and the determination which should depend upon the presidential election result. It was little short of a popular election bet, for which, perhaps, the whole community should have been indicted. Anyhow, Harrison, the man, won the election and became president, whereupon the newly chosen seat of county government got a pretty good name, "free graits for nothing, without a cent to pay."

My trip up there that pretty Saturday was the first in a decade certainly, and quite likely two of them. Many scenes and recollections impressive of scenes were those which enforced the contrast between my first ride to Harrison and this one. From the back of a runaway horse, plunging through deep mud over a large part of the whole journey, to a comfortable seat in an improved and enclosed automobile, gave a strong impression of change and progress. The differences between the roads, the farms, the houses, and the people since the day I went to that political convention, set me atthinking. I am still at it. May be it will become habitual with me if kept up much longer.

HENRY M. WILTSE. be it will become kept up much longer. HENRY M. WILTSD.

Pointed Paragraphs.

Swift men are seldom fast friends.
Nature sometimes stores a lot of brains behind a pretty face.
To succeed aim high and stick to it.
Life's chief compensation a do not come in pay envelopes.
Be sure you are wrong before you go back and sit down.
After dinner sit a while, after supper walk a while, and if another settles—smile.
If a man is a millionaire he can say all the fool things he wants to without impairing his reputation.
When a widow tells a man that she has never been kissed before—well, that's the limit.
Everybody criticises the man who spends his money freely, but everybody

spends his money freely, but everybody is willing to get busy and help him spend it.

When a man's wife suddenly puts her arms around his neck just before making a touch it's a case of being close pressed for money.

Poor Pickaninnies Will Be Remembered at Christmas

New York.—(I. N. S.)—Miss Rosalie
M. Jones of 53 East Fifty-sixth street,
a worker among the poor of New York,
has written the following touching
verses in behalf of the pickuninnies of
this city for whom she and Rev. G. H.
Sims, pastor of the Union Baptist
church, are raising funds and preparing
a Christmas tree and dinner.
Crowded Out.
Nobody ain't Christmas shoppin'
Fur his stockin'!
Nobody ain't totch no turkey,
Nobody ain't bake no pie,
Nobody ain't totch no turkey,
Nobody ain't bake no pie,
Nobody ain't got nuthin' hid
Fur his Mammy's little kid.

Seem like eve'body rushin'
An 'er crushin',
Crowdin' shops an' jammin' trolleys,
Buyin' shoes an' shirfs an' toys
Fur de white folks' girls an' boys,
But no hobby-horse ain't rockin'
By his-little wore-out stockin'

He ain't quar'lin, recollec', He ain't quar'lin, recollec',
He don't 'spec'
Nuthin'—hit's his not expectin'
Makes his Mammy wish, O Laws!
Fur a Po' Folks' Santy Claus,
Totin' any kind er toy
Fur his Mammy's honey-boy!

Your child is quick to observe disturbances in your mental attitude or physical condition. And when he asks: "What's the matter, Daddy?" there's a tone of solemn anxiety in his little voice. The depression stamped upon you reflects intensely upon him because of his profound solicitude. He at once drops his playthings and rushes to your side, but his happy smile has disappeared and his buoyant spirits are gone—replaced by a countenance of worry and a bearing of hopelessness. You owe it to the happiness and welfare of your family to keep trim in body and kees in intellect. You are the sun and the inspiration of their lives. Dark threatening clouds hove over their heads the instant you show signs of being "out of sorts" or "under the weather." Don't imperil their future by neglecting your health. ГУКО TONIC

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